

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 14, 2005

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, March 14, 2005 in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The commissioners met in Executive Session in Conference Room 1A from 1:00 p.m. to 1:35 p.m. President Altman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present of Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger and Commissioner Christine Altman. Commissioner Steven A. Holt was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Dillinger motioned to approve the February 28, 2005 minutes. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session Memorandum

Dillinger motioned to approve the March 14, 2005 Executive Session Memoranda. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Business [1:44:19]

Acceptance of Bonds/Letters of Credit - Highway Department

Mr. Jim Neal requested acceptance of Bonds and Letters of Credit for the highway department. 1) HCHD #B-05-0010 - St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company Performance Bond No. 104453178 issued on behalf of E&B Paving, Inc. in the sum of \$15,000 for the 2005 Annual Highway Bid Plant Pickup to expire March 7, 2006. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agreements [1:44:48]

Bridge #60 Utility Agreement

Neal requested approval of Utility Agreement, HCHD #M-05-0010, with Verizon for Bridge #60, Gwinn Road over Little Cicero Creek. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

136th Street and Prairie Baptist Road Letter of Intent

Neal requested approval of a Letter of Intent to INDOT for federal funding of the 136th Street and Prairie Baptist Road project. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Condemnation Request

Bridge #110, 196th Street over Cool Creek

Neal requested approval of a condemnation request on Parcel 6 for Bridge #110, 186th Street over Cool Creek. Request stricken from record.

Request to Advertise

Bridge #33, 106th Street over Springmill Run

Neal requested permission to advertise for replacement of Bridge #33, 106th Street over Springmill Run. Bids will be opened April 11, 2005. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Altman asked if the specifications need to be adjusted regarding the pre-ordering of the beams? Neal stated they will notify the contractor. Altman stated they will not be part of the contract amount? Neal stated correct. Motion carried unanimously.

Neal requested signatures on the title sheet for Bridge #33.

Dillinger motioned to approve the solicitation of three quotes for the pre-cast beams for Bridge #33. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hazel Dell Closure

Mr. Brad Davis requested approval on a letter to INDOT requesting a temporary traffic signal at the Gray Road and Moontown Road intersection with SR 32 during the closure of Hazel Dell Road. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to Advertise

Dump Trucks

Davis requested permission to advertise for bids for the replacements of two tri-axle dump trucks. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Funding

Dillinger stated Jan Powell called him Friday and it came out of the House to approve and additional \$1 million for Hazel Dell Road, \$3 million for 146th Street extension and \$375,000 for the Riverwalk. Dillinger stated assuming the agreement is signed with Noblesville for Hazel Dell, they can't take the money for the main, he asked Altman to ask Jan Powell about diverting the money to 146th Street. Altman asked if there is another alternative to keep the money on that project? Howard stated no. Dillinger stated Jan asked what the county's priorities are for the next session. We need to emphasize 146th Street and the Riverwalk. Howard stated we can ask for more money for 146th Street but remember the \$9.4 million relinquishment counts towards our 80/20 on construction costs. With the \$3 million we have received notification of and the \$3 million if this bill passes, there is \$15.5 million. The eligible construction and construction inspections cost budget are at \$21 million. Howard stated according to the agreement, the relinquishment money is for reimbursement of construction costs of an alternative thru at a standard thru or equal to the proposed 146th Street. Altman asked Davis to put the prioritization of our federal requests on the agenda for the next highway meeting.

Cinergy Contact

Altman stated she met with a Wendell Seaborn from Cinergy. They are restructuring their contact personnel and he volunteered to be a contact person if we continue to have problems with setting meetings.

MPO

Davis stated there will be a joint meeting of the MPO Policy Committee and Technical Committee to discuss the RTA and to pass an interim transportation plan. The proposed dates are the 18th or 25th.

Altman stated she can not attend the MPO meeting of March 16th. Altman has asked Brad Davis to attend and asked Dillinger if he could also attend. Dillinger motioned to approve voting powers to Brad Davis for the MPO meeting if no commissioner can attend. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Maple Village Variance Request [1:59:05]

Mr. Tim Walter, Platinum Properties - 9551 Delegates Row, Indianapolis. Walter stated they are requesting a variance for street width and right of way width within the Maple Village Primary Plat of the Maple Knoll PUD in Washington Township. Currently Maple Knoll lies in Washington Township area that is being contested for annexation by Carmel. The Maple Knoll PUD is not in the contested area, however Carmel has put a moratorium on approving any new annexations to the Town of Westfield until the other annexations are resolved. In March 2004 they submitted an annexation request to the Town of Westfield and has been approved by the Westfield Town Council. Requests have been sent to Carmel on three separate occasions to approve the annexation, but it has not been approved. Currently they will be submitting construction plans for Maple Village on Wednesday and it will be under the county's jurisdiction. The street and right of way widths were part of the primary plat approved by the Westfield Planning

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Commission. 24' wide streets are substandard to county standards. Neal stated the county's standard is back to back to curb of 28' feet. Neal stated the streets that they have requested, except for one stretch, appears to have alleys. Walter stated in all cases except the one stretch that fronts lots 303, 304-306 and 359-363 are loaded thru alleys. In that case only half of the homes have driveways that go to the front of the street, the other half go to the rear to alleys. Altman asked how does this compare to Carmel standards? Walter stated he does not know. Altman asked if this area is in the area that Westfield has proposed with their fiscal plan in the newspaper last week? Walter stated yes. Dillinger motioned to approve the request for variance. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Altman called a break in the meeting. [2:05:14]

Altman called the meeting back to order. [2:09:00]

Insurance Renewals

Mr. John Elmer stated the Insurance Committee recommends the Specific and Aggregate reinsurance of our health care program be moved from Pacific Life to StarLine. The result will be a reduction of fixed costs by approximately \$37,000. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Benefit Plan Restatement

Ms. Sheena Randall requested approval of the April 2005 restatement of the Hamilton County Employee Benefit Plan for the period of April 1, 2005 thru March 31, 2006. Recommended amendments are: 1) to increase the dependent student age from 23 to 25 years old. 2) Short-term disability language was modified based on the fact that the employees have the option to enroll or decline. The employees pay all the premiums for claims and administrative fees. The employees bi-weekly deduction will increase from \$5.22 to \$7.37 per pay period and it will begin the first pay that includes April 1st. 3) The prior restatement should have had a \$75 co-pay for emergency room visits for non-emergencies, it was integrated i to this restatement. 4) There were several clarifications regarding changes to the vision service plan. 5) Upgraded the HIPPA statements. 6) Several cross references from plan sections to help identify the benefits quickly. Altman asked if the \$75 emergency room co-pay is a hospital emergency room verses immediate care? Randall stated hospital emergency rooms only, there is a \$35 co-pay for immediate care. Altman asked if the disability going up was to recoup costs or add more benefits? Randall stated it recoups costs. Altman asked what is the fiscal impact from going up from 23 to 25 years of age for dependents? Randall stated she does not think it is huge, she does not have a dollar amount. We have had several employees request consideration to the age increase. Nyhart researched their other clients and industry standards and this is the industry standard. Altman stated she understands industry standards but she does not want to move on this without knowing the fiscal impact to the county. Elmer stated no one can tell you what that will be. The equation will be how many kids we will have that are still dependents and are between the ages of 23 to 25 and then what their claims will be. Altman stated is there any industry figures to give us guidance. Randall stated in that age group the claims cost are pretty low because that age group is the most healthiest. Elmer stated there was no data to draw from. Altman asked Dillinger if he felt comfortable with the recommendation? Dillinger stated yes, to keep our program state of the art that is one thing that needed to be done. Altman motioned to approve the changes in the restatement. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Benefits Fair

Randall requested approval to conduct the annual Employee Benefits Fair for representatives from Nyhart, Cincinnati Life and AFLAC to show employees what their benefits are. Ann Green from AFLAC has requested permission to come in March 21, 22 and 23 because she can't come in during the fair. AFLAC enrollments have to be to the payroll department by April 1st. Elmer and she would like to coordinate their date based on when Nyhart has the plan booklets printed. Altman motioned to approve AFLAC coming in. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Altman asked if Randall needs a motion until she knows her dates? Randall stated she is asking for approval to have the Fair. Altman motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

YMCA Corporate Membership

Randall stated she distributed a packet to the commissioners regarding a YMCA Corporate membership. It will provide 30% savings to employees, the county would have a 15% match and the YMCA would provide a 15% discount to employees. Dillinger stated he does not believe we would have anybody go down to Fishers and he understands it is very crowded. Altman stated we have the same services available with Riverview and she would prefer to support it because it is a county owned hospital. Altman stated she would concur with Dillinger that we don't have it budgeted and does not see the need.

Off-Site Wireless Connection Agreement [2:24:33]

Ms. B.J. Casali requested approval to enter into a contract with On Ramp Indiana for wireless Internet Connection that would offer wireless Internet access to people working in this building such as attorney's, law enforcement officers and probation officers. This would protect the county's network. The other option is to do core boring in the courtrooms and hearing rooms, which is expensive, noisy and will have to be done after hours. The wireless through the county network would compromise the integrity of our network. It would allow the possibility of our network to be hacked. The wireless through an outside provider requires no core boring, protects the integrity of our network and give access to anyone who has a wireless card to the Internet. Altman asked if it is DSL? Casali stated it is DSL. Altman asked if there is any other wireless service that has a faster mode of transportation other than DSL? Casali stated not that she knows of right now. This will allow wireless access to the defense attorneys in the courtrooms. Altman would like to look at this further. The total cost for the first year is \$2,200 with reoccurring costs of approximately \$900 a year. Altman would like to look at our network to see if we can get this done internally, she has not been impressed with DSL. Altman would like this to be discussed at the next ISS Board meeting.

Propman Software Agreement

Mr. Phil Folkerts requested approval of a letter dissolving the AS2, Inc. contract with the Fall Creek Township Assessor. Dillinger asked Casali if there was any reason we should not do this? Casali stated provided the Fall Creek Township Assessor can provide the ISS Department with the appropriate information for tax billing, there is no reason not to do this. The Fall Creek Township Assessor wants to go back to her old software system which is sufficient to meet the county's needs. Dillinger motioned to approve the amendment to the contract. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Huskey Contract [2:31:14]

Captain Dan Stevens presented the final version of the Huskey Contract for finding possible funding sources for the Juvenile Detention Center that we are not aware of or can not tap in to. Howard stated he has reviewed the contract.

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Altman stated she thought we were going to no flat fee, all contingency. Howard stated Huskey's negotiation was that the flat fee was huge at the front. Stevens suggestion is to fund the flat fee, which includes training for some of the identified sources. Stevens stated the contract would be contingent on funding through the current building budget or funding from the council. The base is \$37,450. Altman stated she is not comfortable acting on this today, it is still not what she envisioned. Altman stated they will deal with it at the next meeting.

Administrative Assistant [2:34:25]

Treasurer's Extended Hours

Mr. Fred Swift stated the Treasurer has requested extended hours during the tax season. They will remain open until 6:00 p.m. on May 2-6, 2005 and Saturday May 7th from 8:00-12:00 noon, May 8-9, 2005 until 6:00 p.m. Altman asked if there is additional funding needed from the council? Swift stated the overtime is built into her budget. A deputy will be available during the extended hours. Altman motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Courtroom Use Request

Swift stated the Prosecutor has requested use of the Commissioners Courtroom on May 1, 2005 for Youth as Resource Program. Altman motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

National Day of Prayer

Swift stated the Sheriff's Chaplain has requested use of the Veteran's Plaza for observation of the National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Altman motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

House Moving

Swift stated the City of Noblesville in cooperation with the Noblesville Preservation Alliance is planning to move the old funeral home and the Axline House on April 16, 2005. This will be a community event and they have requested permission to use the courthouse lawn for a band. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMA Building Update

Mr. Scott Warner updated the commissioners on the Emergency Management building renovation. Warner stated he has received quotes for carpeting the building. The quotes are \$8,926 and \$7,692 which included replacing existing carpeting with new carpet squares. It also includes removing the entryway vinyl tile with sheet vinyl put in it's place. He has enough money in his budget for this. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Warner stated painting will be done before flooring. Warner stated there have been some water flowing in to the side door due to the drainage. In the short-term they can cut the door and raise the threshold and do some work on the asphalt just outside of the door to improve the slope to the drain. This would preserve the new carpet. Warner asked the commissioners to consider a long-term fix that when there is site work being done on the property they can look at fixing the drain. Altman asked how much is coming off the door? Warner stated 3-5 inches. The door needs to be continued to be used.

Warner stated he has submitted a funding request to the county council for the Prosecutor's remodeling project. It will be on their April 13th meeting agenda. Altman asked Mills if this should be taken out of cumulative courthouse? Warner stated there is only \$97,000 available in cumulative courthouse this year and that would not be sufficient. Altman stated her concern is that the way we have asked council to shift money we should utilize cumulative courthouse fund as much as possible for anything done in these building so we free up cumulative capital for highway projects. Warner stated there may be approximately \$50,000 available from cumulative courthouse. Altman stated we may want to do that to make sure it is utilized. Warner stated he will mention that to the council.

Commissioner Committee Reports [2:43:30]

Insurance Committee

Dillinger stated the Insurance Committee is re-visiting the deferred comp plan.

E-911

Dillinger stated he received a call from Dave Bottoroff of AIC to discuss PSAP Phase 2 cost recovery for wireless 911. Hamilton and Johnson counties are the only counties not on this cost recovery program. He did not know if we had this done before the grant money was available. We could be eligible for \$200,000 to \$300,000 in grant monies. Dillinger asked Major Bowen to check into it.

ACEC Plaque

Dillinger presented a plaque from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Indiana to Hamilton County. Beam, Longest and Neff along with Hamilton County received an award for Bridge #208, Field Drive Bridge project.

Indiana Central Clean Air Advisory Board

Altman stated the Indiana Central Clean Air Advisory Board is looking to expand the current public announcements with No-Zone. Because we are not attainment qualified Hamilton County and surrounding counties are qualified for SEMAC funds to expand that program. The request would be made to the State SEMAC monies. The advisory board recommended contracting with Marion County and let them expand their plan through the MPO instead of having an outside contractor. Our point of contact will probably be the Health Department.

Republican Commissioners Meetings

Altman stated the Republican Commissioners from surrounding counties have begun meeting to get to know each other and to discuss issues. The next meeting is April 8, 2005, which will be treated as a caucus so there are not issues with quorums. Altman invited her fellow commissioners to attend. The meetings are held downtown Indianapolis.

Indiana Housing Finance Authority Audit

Altman stated she is not available for the Indiana Housing Finance Authority audit on March 29th. Altman asked Fred Swift to be available if there is any issue.

Sheriff [2:50:49]

Verizon Wireless Music Center Contract

Major Mark Bowen requested approval of the 2005 agreement between Hamilton County, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and the Verizon Wireless Music Center. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney [2:52:55]

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Humane Society Agreements

Mr. Mike Howard stated it appears that everything will remain the same with the Hamilton County Humane Society for 2005. Howard requested approval of the Service Agreement with the Humane Society for the county as well as interlocal agreements for reimbursements to the county from the Town of Westfield, City of Carmel, Town of Fishers and City of Noblesville. All the agreements are the same as last year. Noblesville's agreement will be retroactive to cover 2004 and 2005. The rate per animal is \$157.44 with a not to exceed amount of \$293,000. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor [2:56:05]

Cancellation of Elected Official Bonds

Mills requested approval of the cancellation of Elected Official Bonds for Kenton Ward and Dixie Packard. Elected officials are covered under the county's blanket bond. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Letter of Credit/Bonds - Drainage Board

Mills requested acceptance of Bonds and Letters of Credit for the Drainage Board. 1) HCDB-2005-00009 - First Merchants Bank Standby Letter of Credit No. FMB-1413 for The Reserve at Geist, Section 2 monuments - \$1,200. 2) HCDB-2005-00010 - First Merchants Bank Standby Letter of Credit No. FMB-1412 for The Reserve of Geist, Section 2 storm sewers, subsurface drain and erosion control - \$222,000. 3) HCDB-2005-00011 - Bond Safeguard Insurance Company Subdivision Bond No. 5015725 for Maple Knoll Section 2 storm drainage, monuments & markers and erosion control - \$296,724. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report

Mills requested acceptance of the County Treasurer's Monthly Report dated February 28, 2005. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Report

Mills requested acceptance of the Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Report dated February 28, 2005. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Payroll Claims

Mills requested approval of the Payroll Claims for the period of February 14-27, 2005, paid March 11, 2005. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vendor Claims

Mills requested approval of the Vendor Claims to be paid February 15, 2005. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Items

Dillinger motioned to remove the Snow Plows for Surveyor's Trucks off the tabled items list. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Item died due to lack of a motion and second.

Dillinger motioned to remove the Habitat Monitoring for Field Drive Bridge off the table items list. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Item died due to lack of a motion and second.

Dillinger motioned to adjourn. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Correspondence

IHFA Confirmation of Interim Inspection for Owner Occupied Housing Grant

Beam, Longest and Neff Notices of Transmittal:

Bridge #105, Anthony Road over Jones Ditch

Bridge #257, Lantern Road over Shoemaker Ditch

IDEM Notice of Business Permit:

Lewis Brothers Tool Rental

IDEM Notice of Sewer Permit Applications:

Limestone Springs, Sections 1C & 2C - Fishers

Brighton Knoll, Off-Site & Section 1, Revised - Noblesville

The Shoppes at Providence - Carmel

Long Ridge Estates, Section 1 - Carmel

Tanglewood, Section 2 - Fishers

Village of West Clay, Section 5002 - Carmel

Monon and Main - Carmel

Limestone Springs, Section 3A - Fishers

Geist Pavillon, Phase II - Fishers

Becker Residence Lift Station - Fortville

Willow Lake, Phase II, Sections 1&2 Permit Approval No. 17131

Windermere Villages, Section II

IDEM Notice of Sewer Permit Appeal Rights:

The Horizons at Cumberland Pointe, Sections 2-4 - Noblesville

The Meadows of Shelborne at Deer Path, Section 4 & 5 - Noblesville

Limestone Springs, Sections 1C & 2C - Fishers

Village of West Clay, Section 5002 - Carmel

Aberdeen Bend Subdivision - Carmel

Tanglewood, Section 2 - Fishers

IDEM Notice of Withdrawal of Application - Sheridan

IDEM Violation Letter - BSS, Inc. dba Beaver Septic

Hamilton County Surveyor Letter - Outfall Mapping Study

INDOT Project BRO-992- Bridge #60 over Little Cicero Creek on Gwinn Road

IDEM Notice of Public Comment - PSI Energy, Inc. - Noblesville Generating Station

Indiana Historical Society Letter

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner

Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner

Robin M. Mills, Auditor

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Dawn Coverdale, Chief Deputy Auditor
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Michael A. Howard, Attorney
Mark Bowen, Sheriff’s Department
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Jim Neal, Highway Engineer
Virginia Hughes, Administrative Assistant to Highway Engineer
Amber Emery, Highway Public Service Representative
Christopher Burt, Highway Staff Engineer
Tim Knapp, Highway Right-of-Way Specialist
Joel Thurman, Highway Project Engineer
Matt Knight, Highway Staff Engineer
Mike McBride, Small Structure Staff Engineer
Faraz Kahn, Highway Department
Kathy Howard, Highway Department
Scott Warner, Buildings and Grounds
B.J. Casali, ISSD
Tim Walter, Platinum Properties

APPROVED
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ATTEST
